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Minerals Inspection Report

Report Date: 10/09/2013

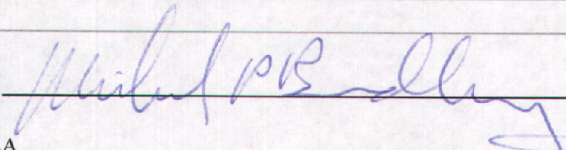
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Mine Name: Mystery	Permit Number: S/019/0034	Mine Status: Suspended
Operator Name: James W. Hill	Inspection Date: 09/17/2013	Permit Fees: Delinquent
Inspector(s): M. Bradley	Inspection Time: 2:30p	Bond Amount: \$2,000
Attendee(s): none	Weather: Clr-Pt. Cloudy	Bond Escalation:
Inspection Purpose: Routine inspection, attempt to verify location		Prior Inspection: 01/01/2008

Conclusions and Recommendations

The annual fee has not been paid, even after second request for payment was sent in May, 2013. Attempts to contact operator by phone were fruitless. After conducting inspections in La Sal, had spare time to attempt to locate this site. Road in from west was barely passable, had to leave via northeast route. Identified possible disturbances in aerial imagery and went to those. They appeared to be small-diameter bore or auger holes. Some appeared to be partially backfilled by hand. Once back in the office, it was determined that the area inspected on this trip was not likely the same as shown in 2008 inspection photos. However, 2012 aerial image does not show any disturbance at presumed site location. Activities described in NOI and annual reports likely did not cause any significant disturbances. Recommend making another attempt to contact operator to see if he wishes to maintain permit. Try to revisit site next time in the area.

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated & Commented	Enforcement
1. <i>Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds</i> Annual fee is delinquent, permit suspended	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. <i>Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)</i> Looked for any features that could be considered unsafe; found none	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. <i>Protection of Drainages/Erosion Control</i> Looked for any features that might affect drainages or cause erosion; none significant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. <i>Deleterious Material</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. <i>Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. <i>Reclamation</i> Looked for any needs for reclamation; found none	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. <i>Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts)</i> Found what appeared to be shallow, small-diameter bore or auger holes, all were partially backfilled	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. <i>Soils</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. <i>Revegetation</i> None required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. <i>Other</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Inspector's Signature: 

CC: PBB; mpb
Jerry Mansfield, SITLA
James W. Hill, Operator

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Area near Mystery Mine that was inspected. Light-colored areas in slope are hole locations







Hole locations along NW-facing slope

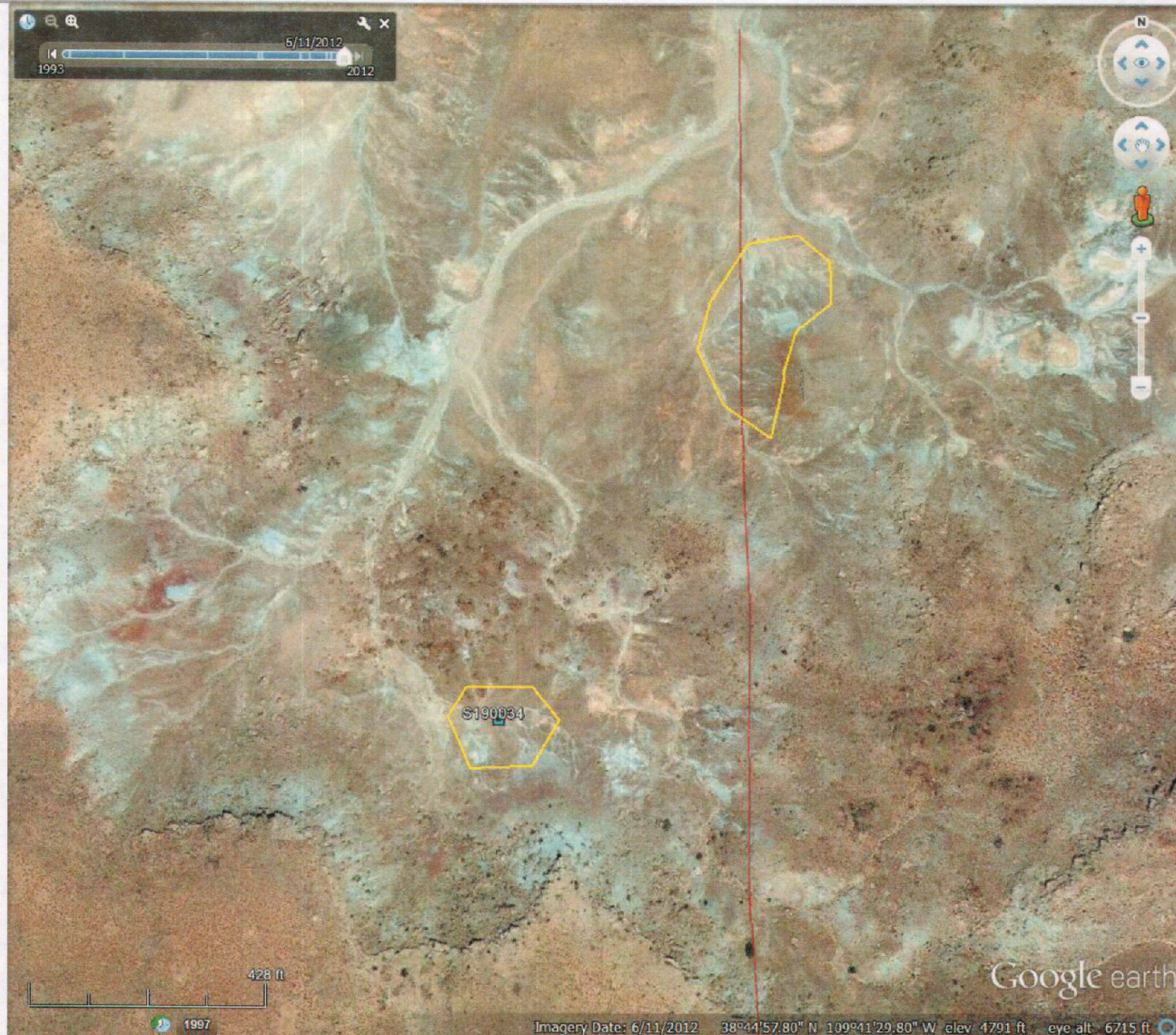


Hole locations on desert pavement

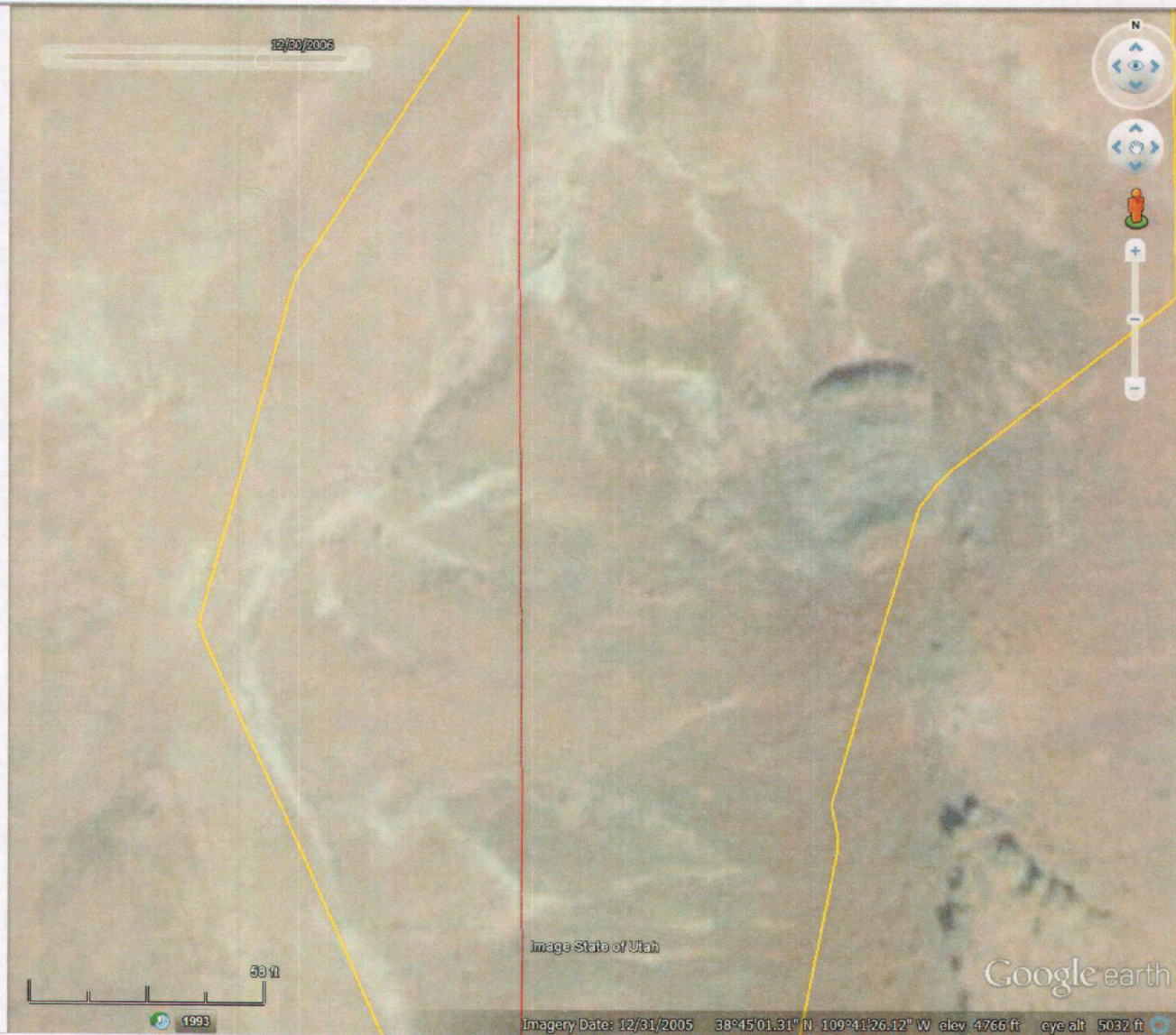


"Fresh" hole location

	<p>"Fresh" hole location next to older one</p>
	<p>Hole in ground, unknown depth</p>
	<p>Numerous hole locations along slope</p>
	<p>Hole location with appearance of hand-backfilling</p>



Yellow area to NE was walked this visit; yellow area to SW is believed to be where permit area is.



2006 aerial image of area walked this visit with no indications of disturbance



2012 aerial image of area walked this visit with white scars where holes are